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**Title: BUILDING CONSTRUCTION BID AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, INTERNET-BASED METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAMS THEREFOR**

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Sir:

Applicant has noted an inadvertent electronic formatting error resulting in the omission of a heading and 3 lines of text following line 32 on page 19, and submits the correction herewith prior to examination of the case. Please enter the following addition to the specification.

**In the Specification:**

Page 19, following line 32, please insert the following heading and text:

**-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE BEST MODE OF THE INVENTION:**

The following detailed description illustrates the invention by way of example, not by way of limitation of the principles of the invention. This description will clearly enable one skilled in the art to make and use the invention, and describes several embodiments,--.

**REMARKS**

Applicant noted an inadvertent electronic formatting error that resulted in the omission of the heading for the Detailed Description and the introductory 3 lines of text in the application as filed. Accordingly Applicant requests introduction of the appropriate language following line 32 on page 19. This correction is submitted herewith prior to